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#### We Need Your Voice

Guest Commentary by Miriam Ben-Shalom

ach year, an average of 2,000 patriotic servicemen and women have been denied the right to fulfill their military careers because of prejudice focused on the private matter of sexual orientation. The cost to the taxpayer for these dismissals is at least \$100 million a year, but the cost to the concept of American freedom cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

"Nothing could be more clear than the hypocrisy of this policy," said Joseph Steffan, the former United States Naval Academy cadet who was expelled from the Annapolis school prior to his graduation because of his sexual orientation. "Despite the military's insistence on truth and honor, they discharge those gay and lesbian service members who refuse to lie about their sexual orientation."

"One route for access to higher education is by going through the ROTC program," said Thom Turner, co-chair of the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus, affiliate of the United States Students Association. "Openly gay and lesbian students are not allowed to participate, so part of the population is blocked from this route to higher education. Education should be a right for everyone."

Most tragically, service men and women who choose to openly identify their sexual orientation have often been subjected to harassment and violence. And this open brutality has spilled beyond the military bases into the civilian sector, with recent news of servicemen following the military policy of prejudices to unjustified extremes.

"Good order and discipline is a phrase we have heard a lot of lately," said Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio) following a violent attack against a homosexual civilian by three marines in North Carolina last February. "I believe that good order and discipline also means zero tolerance for acts of hatred and prejudice. Regardless of the Service Chiefs' position on lifting the ban, it is incumbent upon them to send a strong signal that no acts of violence or hate against homosexuals will be tolerated."

There is very real hope for a long-overdue change. President Clinton has reversed years of dreadful Executive Branch approval for this state-sanctioned prejudice by openly calling for an end to the ban on homosexuals in the military.

However, a brilliantly orchestrated campaign by right wing political factions and old-guard military elite caused a backlash which force the President to postpone an official decision on lifting the ban until summer. The pro-ban forces have their guns in place; those who oppose the ban need to respond in kind.

"The focus now is for all parties to reconcile the issue through a process based on 'factual data,' free from hysteria and religious opinions." said Capt. Meiring. "I am confident that a consensus will be achieved and all Americans who serve in the armed forces will be judged on their conduct, not their sexual orientation."

To help ensure this vision of fairness and justice, one patriotic individual is mobilizing a national grassroots campaign to let Washington know that the continuation of the ban is morally wrong. Ed Bailey, marketing director of a Washington, D.C. nightclub called TRACKS has organized a toll-free Hotline which allows like minded people to voice their disapproval of this unfair military policy.

By phoning 1-800-258-222, and asking for HotLine Operator #9355, callers can send high-impact messages to their two senators and congressional representatives urging Congressional support for the lifting the military's ban on gays. The cost of this call is only \$8.75, which can be billed to either the caller's credit card or telephone bill.

There is no place in America for hatred and prejudice. By calling this special hotline and voicing your opposition to the continuation of the military's discriminatory ban, you will be doing a patriotic duty which future generations will recall with pride – much like today's generation recall the efforts of Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr. and those who risked all to guarantee freedom for everyone.

"The real problem with the military is not gay and lesbian soldiers," said Joseph Steffan. "It is the unchallenged prejudices they face every day. Now. more than ever, our elected representatives need to know their constituents do not support the bigotry and hatred embodied in the military's exclusionary policy."

# Transgender Should be Added to March Title

Editor.

For months now The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc. of San Francisco and numerous transgender people have been lobbying and negotiating for the inclusion of transgender issues in The 1993 March of Washington. The time has come that these demands be publicized: 1.) "Transgender" should be included in the title of The 1993 March on Washington. 2.) Transgender people (transsexuals, transvestites and drag queens) should be included as performers, MC's and political speakers addressing transgender issues on the 1993 March on Washington stages. 3.) Transgender people and our issues should be included in press conferences, press releases, publications and all cultural events at The 1993 March on Washington. Although the Sisters' socially conscious performance art may be deemed "unacceptable" by some lesbian, gay and bisexual leaders, there exists a plethora of "acceptable" transgender speakers, MC's and performers which we pray will be included at The 1993 March on Washington. The Mother House.

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.
San Francisco, California

## Gay Parade Not a Source of Pride

Editor,

The upcoming gay parade in San Francisco is becoming exactly what the right wing crazies make it out to be, a bunch of Queers dancing around in close to nothing.

The parade committee is making the once proud day into a tool of the right wing by choosing the theme "Year of the Queer" and allowing the National

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Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) to march.

NAMBLA is nothing but a bunch of pedophiles. Why should we include them in our pride parade? If the gay/lesbian rights movement continues to include all sexual outcasts, we will all lose

Wanda Griffin Sacramento

## Romance - Men & Women

Editor,

In the survey, (Spring Fever, mid-March issue), Stacy Selmants reports on the percentages are

the same or very close for men and women in all categories except one -- romance. There, women were 50% compared to men's 25%.

Which is similar to what's reported in the heterosexual world: women much more than men want "romance."

Women appear to be quite different than men when it comes to "romance."

Yet in the other categories of the survey they are very similarbe they straight, bi-, or gay. (It seems we're all the same no matter what orientation.)

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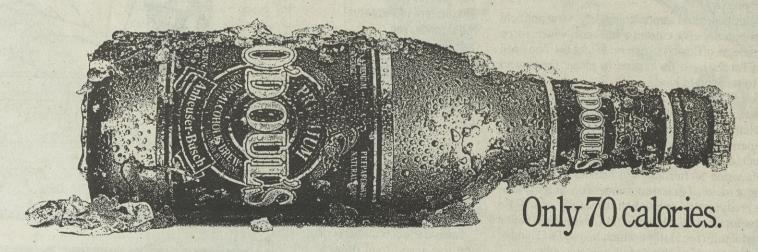


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# **MAROUND TOWN**

# **Easter Protest at Capital Christian Center**

by Michael R. Gorman

aster Sunday is traditionally a day for stylish bonnets, but few worshipers at Sacramento's Capital Christian Center were prepared for the flamboyant headgear that greeted them on their way into services this year: bishops' miters, nuns' wimples, neon veils, even a replica of the Santa Maria.

It was the second annual CCC Easter Protest sponsored by San Francisco's Sisters of Perpetual

Activists from San Francisco, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and Los Angeles gathered at 10 a.m. in front of the church notorious for its virulent anti-gay bigotry and anti-civil rights politics.

Members of Sacramento's Act Up, Queer Nation, and Sacramento Area Bisexual Network attended, although the event was not officially endorsed by those

Sheriff's patrol cars and motorcycles gathered early before the arrival of the activists. The church's security was out in force, and there were police in unmarked cars. Although several cars of Christians shouted epithets or shook fists or fingers, the protest remained so peaceful that most of the officials simply stood and watched the proceedings. A spokesperson for The Sisters said that the group had planned to be less confrontational than last year, conducting instead "a peaceful display of love, with accesso-

The chairman of the board of Capital Christian Center, Robert Erickson, greeted protesters on the sidewalk, joking about his Mickey Mouse tie and watch and asking about the plans for the protest. Echoing a common line from the Christian right, he said, "I have to say I do not approve of your lifestyle, but I don't judge

ries.'

Asked about recent scientific evidence that sexuality is largely genetically determined, Erickson said he had not heard of the studies, nevertheless calling them "a bunch of hypotheticals." Of CCC's reputation he said, "When I see signs that say 'hate' I don't understand that because I don't hate people."

Local conservative Republican politician Barbara Alby who's running for the assembly seat vacated by the death of B.T. Collins stood at a distance watching the protest, but refused to speak with the latest ISSUE.

With the gregorian chants from the boom box changing to the wedding march, Sister Lily White Superior Posterior, who is also an ordained minister, gathered the crowd under a flowered



Cardinal Sin reminds churchgoers of E.J.

arch decorated with a crucifix bearing a dying young man and a pink triangle. She proceeded with the main events of the day, holy

The first couple to be married was Sister Hellena Handbasket (aka Frank Roark) dressed in a traditional white gown and her lover Robert White (a Navy veteran) in a white sailor's uniform with pink scarf. They repeated vows written for the occasion by The Sisters and then submitted to a blessing of the rings by Sister X-Tacy, who attended in a

The second couple, Jim Welch and his lover Jeff, walked the

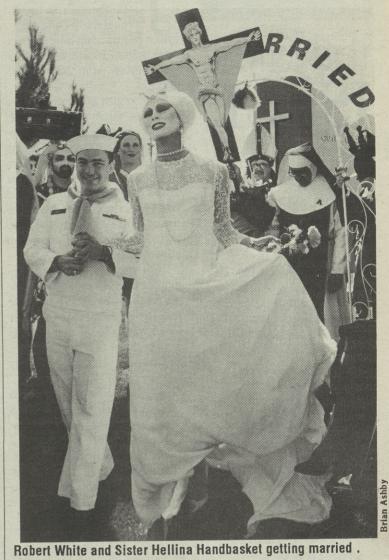
makeshift grass aisle in matching tuxedos. Their obvious affection for one another sent sighs around the crowd. In all, eight couples married, including one lesbian couple and a transgender

The ceremonies reflected the temperaments of the couples, some serious, others fun and campy. when Sister Flagellina dramatically cried her way up the aisle with her leather clad and jokingly reluctant lover David, Sister Lily quipped, "It brings me great personal joy to see this hag hitched."

The transgender couple giggled at the line in the vows which said, "I will change but never hurt you; I will change but not desert you."

Most observers watched the ceremonies with obvious enjoyment, including some members of CCC, although Mike Messner, a spokesperson for the church called the event "unfortunate and opportunistic." He refused to elaborate. After the weddings, many in the group sang songs from a xeroxed "hymnal" while others walked with signs about various civil rights issues. The Sisters waved Easter greetings to passing cars and handed out condoms in multicolored foil

All three Sacramento affiliate television networks covered



the event, as well as KFBK Radio, Channel 40 and The Sacramento Bee. Channel 13 called the holy unions "mock wed-

dings" (as did the Sacramento Bee) and only aired their coverage at noon. The protest was the continued on page 6

## **Local March on the Capitol April 25**

by Ken Locke

ocial Workers for Social Responsibility is planning and organizing a march on the State Capitol on April 25, in solidarity with the National March on Washington in support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender persons.

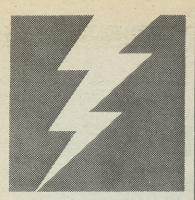
Social workers for Social Responsibility is an organization committed to confronting social injustice. In addition to the march, the group is currently forming a coalition between Sacramento and Oakland women on welfare. According to spokeperson Monica Erdosh, the organization comes up with projects collectively. Within the first seven weeks of its existence, the group has built a broad coalition to support the April 25 march in Sacramento. Thus far they have the support of River City Democratic Club (RCDC), the Lambda Community Center, Lavender Angels, the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), P-FLAG, SACCOR, Twin Spirit Veterans Association, and UC Davis's B-GLAD.

Groups will assemble at Fre-

mont Park at 16th and F Streets, at 11:30 a.m. The march will begin at 12 noon, work its way through downtown Sacramento, and convene on the South Steps of the Capitol for a rally.

Though it is uncertain at this point how many groups in L.A. intend to participate in the march. In San Francisco, ACT-UP and BACCOR are planning to attend. Erdosh also stated that an organization of black lesbians in Oakland intends to march, in addition to groups in Oroville and Pasadena.

"In light of the recent controversy over gays and lesbians in the military, it is necessary to combat discrimination anywhere it occurs." Erdosh said, "Let our voices be heard-not only in Washington D.C. but at the State Capitol on April 25."



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#### Midtown Doo Dah Parade and Fair Scheduled

he Midtown Street Fair Celebration is an annual multi-cultural street fair that will take place on June 5 from 10 a.m. to 6p.m. on Capitol Ave, from 28th to 18th Streets.

It all begins at 10 a.m. with a hilarious, must see DOO DAH parade. Shortly after this procession of the strange and weird, the air will fill with tunes from two stages featuring some of the area's top performers. A third stage will be used for all forms of dance, from multi-cultural to jazz. A fourth stage will be an open mic.

Craft vendors wishing to participate the Midtown Street Fair must pay \$40 or a booth reservation. Reservations received after May 5th, pay \$50. Organizations who wish to display literature and run an activity booth, pay \$10.

Last year, an estimated 10,000 people listened, danced, ate, and drank, and shopped among over 100 vendors. We anticipate a much larger crowd this year, Please join us in making this Midtown Celebration an event to remember for years to come. For more information call (916) 448-9881 or (800) 655-5543.

#### P.S.S.N. Selects New Editor

he Positive Social Support Newsdigest (P.S.S.N.), a "Being Alive" program of the Lambda Community Fund of Sacramento, is pleased to announce the selection of Martin D. Casey as new editor

Martin succeeds the editorial team of Judy Ludwick and Sheila R. Enders, who have guided P.S.S.N. since December of 1990. Judy and Sheila regretfully announced their decision to step down in the February/ March 1993 edition of P.S.S.N.

P.S.S.N. has proven extremely valuable to persons living with HIV and to anyone concerned with the medical, social, and political issues of the epidemic.

#### The Men's Chorus Goes Country

he Sacramento Men's Chorus presents "Country" on Saturday, May 1st at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Sunday, May 2nd at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento.

"Country" is a salute to country music that highlights the Men's Chorus and other local performers. The Cabaret style concert will begin with "Open Road" a local country group performing several songs.

Throughout the evening's performance the Rainbow Cloggers and the Capital City Squares will perform dance numbers and Entourage, the Chorus' song and dance ensemble will perform.

Tickets are \$10 for the first show and \$15 for the second show which includes Hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased at the following places: The Gifted Gardener at 2122 J Street, Howe Avenue Box Office at 925 Howe Avenue and the Community Center Box Office at 13th and L Streets. For more information about a musical performance "Country" call (916)444-5213.

#### Partnership Legal Workshop May 15

n Saturday, May 15 in the Lounge of the YWCA at 17th and L Streets, at 10 a.m. a community workshop regarding the legal protection of lesbian and gay relationships, and unmarried couples, including a video of a speech of Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, will be sponsored by the National Center For Lesbian Rights.

Workshops participants will receive copies of five documents including a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and a Living Will. A panel of attorneys will guide people through the steps of completing each document. Notary Publics will be available so that attendees may finalize these documents at the work-

shop.

Cost of the workshop will be \$15-\$60 per individual or family group. A donation of \$35 or more includes a one year membership in NCLR. Limited work exchange and scholarships are available, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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The YWCA is unfortunately not wheelchair accessible. Please call the NCLR if this is a problem, and you are interested in the workshop. Sign language is available with pre-registration. For further information or to register for the workshop, contact Anne Hunsicker or Brenda Cummings at (415) 621-0674.

#### **Rummage Sale**

he Rainbow Real Estate Professionals are sponsoring a rummage and bake sale fundraiser to benefits AIDS charities and the Lambda Community Center on Saturday, April 24 in the Lambda Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 457-3633.

#### **EASTER**

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Elkins) carried a sign saying, "Remember E.J." The sign referred to E.J. Byington, a fourteen year old boy who left the CCC choir last year during the protest and joined the protestors. He was later berated by church elders, beaten by his adult cousin and kicked out of his aunt's house, setting off an interstate controversy between local gay leaders and the state children's services of California, Nebraska and Minnesota.

After a year of moving from institutions to foster homes and back E.J. has still not found a stable home. Nebraska authorities rejected one such home in Sacramento. According to his sister, that decision was partly because of E.J.'s ties to the gay community here.

He is currently in a group home in St. Paul following a conflict with his mother over his newly declared gay sexuality, E.J.'s sister Victoria from San Jose told the latest ISSUE that she intends to seek custody of E.J..

After the protest, Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch, Father Pan D. Monium, Sister Dana Van Iquity, their sisters and most of the rest of the crowd paraded to lunch down the board walkways of Old Sacramento, much to the delight, confusion, and sometimes consternation of the tourists.

After the reception of pizza and non-alcoholic toasts, two of the couples were treated to a horse-drawn carriage ride through Old Town. Always in form, the accompanying Sisters waved Easter greetings to the astonished passersby.

In order to help with his expenses, including the custody request, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have set up a fund for E.J. Byington. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund may call Gordon Elkins at 916-550-6864.

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## **Demo Convention Brings Brown to the Front**

housands of people converged on Sacramento to attend the three-day Democratic Convention. More than 2,400 of those Democrats were delegates to the party's annual statewide convention which was centered at the Sacramento Convention Center.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to elect new statewide officers to replace the current slate whose terms were ex-

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At the top of the list was the office of State Democratic Party Chair which has been held by the highly respected Phil Angelides. Angelides, replacement for Jerry Brown, is widely credited with the success of many Democratic candidates in California in recent elections. The Democratic Party under Angelides has established computerized systems which have resulted in organization usually seen in the Republican Party.

Contenders for the seat included Bill Press, L.A. television commentator, and Steve Barr, "Rock the Vote" organizer. Press, always the front runner, won the election with more than 60% of

Other elections included the positions of controller and secretary. Of most interest to the lesbian and gay community was the race for party secretary. Jean Harris, special aide to San Francisco Mayor Jordan, was hoping to become the first "out" lesbian to win a state-wide party seat. The democrats were receptive to her candidacy and were willing to listen to her ideas, but, according to some, she simply brought too much baggage with her. Her opponent, Jim Clarke, benefited from her apparent lukewarm support in the gay and lesbian community and he won

The other focus of the convention was the passage of a slate of 33 Resolutions ranging from "Opposition to the nomination of Marian Bergeson to the post of Superintendent of schools" to support of the President's desire to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. More than 25 resolutions were adopted.

While some serve little purpose, all reveal positions important to the delegates in attendance. In addition to the resolution dealing with the ban, the Democrats also voted to support the economic boycott of Colo-

Interspersed with the General



Jean Harris.

Session, the attendees were invited to attend a variety of caucuses. Among the caucuses that were held on the weekend were: African-American; Arab-American, Asian/Pacific Islander; Chicano Latino; Environmental, Senior; Filipino-American; Labor; Young Democrats; and the Gay/Lesbian caucuses.

An obvious earmark of this year's convention was the spirit



Kathleen Brown.

of inclusiveness. A major goal of outgoing Chair Angelides was to increase participation in the Democratic Party by many who have felt estranged. For example, 17% of the delegates were under the age of thirty. Included in the diversity was a large contingent of lesbian and gay participants, who seemed to feel quite comfortable and very welcome in the party politics.

The Lesbian/Gay Caucus, held on Friday night, was the first meeting chaired by the newly elected Robert Barnes. Within 10 minutes of the opening - before many were able to register to vote -- Jean Harris, previous chair, was endorsed by the caucus in her bid to become party secretary.

Declared and undeclared candidates paraded in front of the group in apparent bids to win the support of the gay/lesbian caucus. Most made the obligatory remarks of inclusion and acceptance, while some added a bit of substance to their speeches. The disorderly and talkative audience seemed to be most interested with the arrival of Kathleen Brown. Brown, although undeclared, is positioning herself to take on Pete Wilson and the caucus was firmly in her corner.

Following the Caucus meeting was a hospitality suite hosted by the local River City Democratic Club (RCDC). Guest were treated to a variety of foods while chatting with visitors from all parts of the state. San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden was on hand to introduce Jean Harris who made a short speech.

RCDC sold Karie Ribbons to help raise funds for the clubs activities to assure that candidates are aware of AIDS and breast cancer and their impact on the lesbian and gay commucontinued on page 10

Twentieth Year

#### Coronation to be Lavish

by Stan Carlsen

or the past two decades, the Court of the Great Northern Imperial Empire (CGNIE, Inc.) has combined talent, fun and fundraising to become the most consistently successful charitable organization in the Sacramento Gay/Lesbian community.

Mixing lavishly formal drag attire with some serious moneymaking, the Court will hold its twentieth anniversary Coronation on Saturday, April 24th. The theme of this year's grand event is "Twenty Years of Glitz and Glamor:: Looking Back to the Future." The Coronation will take place at Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J Street at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6)

Mayor Joe Serna will be on hand to welcome participants and a crowd estimated to approach 700 people, each paying \$20 apiece to attend. His Honor will open the evening's festivities with an official proclamation recognizing the Court's original 'camp' tradition and its long-standing generosity.

While many activists in the continued on page 12

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# Ruling Overturns Local Protection

OS ANGELES — A variety of local job-discrimination measures in California are threatened by an appeals court ruling requiring gayrights suits to be filed under state law rather than a city ordinance, lawyers said.

The March 24 ruling by the 2nd District Court of Appeal, overturning a 1979 Los Angeles ordinance banning employment discrimination against gays and lesbians, does not become final for two months, and could be reviewed by the state Supreme Court.

The ruling has a potentially broad effect. It applies not only to local gay-rights measures, in effect in at least a dozen cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and San Diego, but also to any city or county ordinance forbidding job discrimination.

The state gay-rights law took effect this year. Although it has not yet been tested in court, it is supposed to provide the same full range of damages offered by most local measures, except for attorney's fees in successful suits.

#### St. Patrick's Day Brings Arrests

EW YORK CITY PO-LICE arrested 236 people, including openly gay city council member Thomas Duane, March 17 for defying a pair of court orders by protesting the exclusion of the Irish Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGO) from the city's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers joined political leaders in sitting out the event, making it the smallest St. Patrick's Day parade in New York in recent years.

## Shanti Project is in Hot Water

hanti Project, San Francisco's largest AIDS service group, mismanaged \$2.7 million in government grants and diverted money to unauthorized services, according to an audit by the city's AIDS office that was made public March 8.

Shanti administrators said the mismanagement resulted from poor bookkeeping procedures, and Dr. Mitchell Katz of the city AIDS office said that criminal intent was no the cause of the diversions. Shanti has an annual budget of \$5.6 million.

#### Call Washington to Lift Military Ban

hite House: (202) 456-111, Gen. Colin Powell, Joint Chiefs of Staff: (703) 697-9121, U.S. Senate: (202) 224-3207, U.S. House of Representatives: (202) 225-6514.

## Hate Crimes Statute Sticks



William Kiley of San Jose video taped being assaulted.

he state hate-crimes law does not violate constitutional free-speech guarantees, a state appeals court panel ruled March 8. The law, which was enacted in 1987, allows violent crimes to be punished more severely than usual if they are shown to be motivated by bigotry.

The panel made the ruling in a case of a skinhead who was found guilty of the hate-motivated beating of a gay San Jose man

who video-taped his beating to prove he was being harassed.

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eftali Ruiz, Vice President of Mexico's Grupo Gay Traveti, was shot to death on Feb. 6 by an assailant in a moving vehicle, according to the international Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

Ruiz had been investigating a series of murders of gay men and male prostitutes in the Mexican state of Chiapas, and others in the Mexican gay community believe his murder was connected to the investigation.

#### Florida in Trouble

n amendment to the Florida state constitution that would repeal municipal bans on anti-gay discrimination and prohibit enactment of similar bans in the future was filed with the state elections commission March 15 by the American Family Association.

The group led a successful campaign to overturn Tampa's ban on anti-gay discrimination last year.

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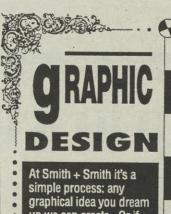
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# A Million People are Gearing Up For March

by Stacy Selmants

A s an expected 1 million members of the gay community prepare to storm the nation's capital for the March on April 25, gay activists are giving veiled warnings to President Clinton, in light of his softening stance on overturning the military's ban on gay/lesbian soldiers, when he said that he might consider restricting gays and lesbians to non-combat positions.

"We said the march could either be a celebration, or a protest, that we're not getting equal treatment," said Andrew Barrer, one of the activists who attended a March 26 meeting, held in conjunction with hearings being held by the U.S. Senate's Armed Services Committee, chaired by Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia).

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According to an article in the March 27 issue of the New York Times, Tom Stoddard, an attorney who also attended the meeting, said "We made it clear to the president's representatives that our people are very angry and must have assurances of the president's commitment to eliminate the policy of discrimination." Stoddard is also the director of the Campaign for Military Service, an umbrella group of organizations that are lobbying Congress to lift the ban.

The meeting was originally scheduled to discuss proposals by march leaders that the president and/or members of his senior staff speak at the March rally, but was broadened to include other gay issues, including the military controversy. At this point, unconfirmed reports have

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indicated that Clinton may limit his role in the March to reading names of people who have died of AIDS at the AIDS quilt. March organizers are still hoping to include the president at other, more highprofile events.

Despite some apprehension about Clinton's recent waffling on the gays-inthe-military issue, his staff reportedly intervened with bureaucrats at the National Park Service, who finally agreed to allow the March organizers to use the grassy Mall (which is being re-seeded) for the after-March rallies. Organizers have been negotiating with Park Service officials for months, and political intervention has been provided by a number of members of Congress, as well as from highly placed pro-gay Clinton staffers. According to an article in the Washington Post, a call was made from the White House to Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior whose office then called the Park Service. (The Department of the Interior oversees the Parks Department.)

March organizers were able to provide a \$300,000 letter of credit, taking financial responsibility for re-seeding the grass again, if it is necessary after the March. The funds for this project were donated



Sacramento women sign the SLCC banner that will be carried down the march route.

anonymously by individuals who were "sympathetic" to the issue of accommodating 1 million marchers and providing access to the Mall area.

In a meeting April 6 with the organizers of the March on Washington, top officials a Newsweek magazine made clear thier plans to provide substantial coverage of the March, and reaffirmed the magazine's committment to fair coverage of gay, lesbian and bisexual issues. The meeting was requested by March organizers following comment made by a Newsweek correspondent that the magazine would provide little coverage of the March because they

are closed on Sundays.

In the February issue, a listing of events included nearly a hundred events, spread out from April 22 through April 26.

Since that time, many new events have been added, from assorted university alumni reunions to a number of ACT UP actions, as well as some drumming and singing from a group of older men called Radical Faeries.

The latest ISSUE will be reporting on the March with a special early edition released on May 7. Whether or not you're going, it's sure to be filled with history. Don't forget to pick one up.

#### Newly added events include:

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

\* People of Color Lobby Briefing/Roundtable 9:30-4:00, Rayburn Office Building National Bear Gathering (Thursday-Saturday) Meet at noon, at the Lincoln Memorial, for your daily "Bear Fix". \* "AIDS Cure NOW" Rally, noon at Dupont Circle. Rally and march to the Capitol, sponsored by Seattle ACT-UP. \* People of Color Reception, sponsored by the March Committee's People of Color Caucus, at the Rayburn Office Building. Time:6-8 pm.

\* Anti-Racism Workshop, sponsored by Black & White Men Together. Call Bob William, (301)670-6842. \* OUTSPOKEN: A Gay & Lesbian Literary Series -- reception featuring a number of African-American artists and writers, Tibbs Gallery, 1910 Vermont Ave, NW.\* Tribute Players: Tribute to the Memory of You, about growing up gay in the Age of AIDS. (Also Friday, Sunday nights.) Contact: Chip Wells, (202) 387-2312. \* Cockburn Ritualsgay theater and reception benefiting the Whitman Walker Food Bank. \$40. 1401 Church St., NW. 8 p.m.\* Queerfest '93- Multi-media performance held nightly, at 8, 10 and 11:30 at the District of Columbia Arts Center. \* Welcome to Washington Party, sponsored by the Black Lesbian Support Group of Whitman Walker Clinic, 8-2 a.m., \$7, 516 8th St., SE at the Hill.\* Meat & Greet (our favorite event title), sponsored by the local POC Caucus will be held at the Bachelor's Mill & Back Door Pub, 1106 8th St., SE 9-2 a.m.

FRIDAY APRIL 2

\* Business Fair for Lesbian and Gay Entrepreneurs, 9-11 a.m. Networking for self-employed folks, with some advice about federal programs that help small businesses. US Small Business Administration, 8th Floor Conference Room, 409 3rd St, SW.\* Legal Picket and Press Conference-sponsored by ACT UP, focusing on lesbian health issues, Contact ACT UP San Francisco, (415) 621-0291. 11 a.m.\* ACT UP Action at the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, 2 p.m. \* Lesbians and Gays in Law Enforcement Workshop, Sheraton, Washington 2660 Woodley Rd. NW. (Friday, 2-4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) It's networking, with a badge.\* Sing Out on the Capitol Steps- 3 p.m. gay and lesbian choruses sing together in this great photo opportunity. \* Tribute to Audre Lorde, sponsored by the National Center for Lesbians, held at Tracks, from 4-7 p.m. \* No Host Cocktail Party, sponsored by the MOW Cartoon Project, held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, 5-7:30 p.m. \* Greek Reception-Sponsored by Delta Lambda Phi, at the Badlands Annex, 22nd and P sts. 6-9 p.m., \$5. \* Candlelight Vigil, at 6 p.m., at the Holocaust Museum, Raoul Wallenberg Plaza \* Bi Erotic Reading, 8-11 p.m., American University, Mary Graydon Center. \* Radical Faerie Get-Together, Market 5 Gallery, 8-12 p.m. \* Womyn's Two Steppin' Dance- Blossoms, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 9-2 a.m. \* An Evening of Jazz with the Ladies, Nob Hill Club, 1101 Kenyon St., NW, \$5. \* Midnight Cruise, \$30, food, bar, dancing down the Potomac. (703) 471-5096. \* Gay Poetry Reading, (202) 543-7903. \* "SEX IS..." a new film, about gay men's sexuality, shown nightly at the Biograph Theater \* Lesbian Republicans Meeting (yes, they exist) Contact: Log Cabin Club, 1105 Lexington St., #5-7, Waltham, MA 2154.

SATURDAY APRIL 2

\* Fun Run (we'd rather dance) Smithsonian Metro, Stop on the Mall, 10 a.m. \* Queer Nation Gathering-10-noon, 945 G St., NW, Room 206 \* A Time to Shine: A Day of Healing for PLWAs- holistic and alternative treatments will be discussed. 1st Congregational Church, 10th and G St, NW. 12:00-4 p.m. \* Black & White Men Together Brunch, Crystal House, 2000 S. Eads, Crystal City, VA. \* "Beyond Loss" Art in the Era of AIDS, Washington Project for the Arts, D Street, between 7th and 8th. Artists available for discussion 12-6 p.m. \* Hands Around the Capitol- Noonish. "Do you REALLY need directions?" the press packet asks... \* Reception for gay and lesbian union members and friends AFL-CIO, 815 16th St., NW. 4-6 p.m. \* Queer Earth Enclave: An Eldritch Circle, "a ritual circle to honor our ancestors" at the P Street Beach, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. \* Reception for Gays and Lesbians in Urban Planning, (don't miss this one!) Cities, 2424 18th St., NW, 5-7 p.m. \* MOW Square Dance- Christ United Methodist Church, 4th and I Street,

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nity. The red and blue ribbons were seen throughout the convention on the lapels of many of the delegates.

The general assembly was also very receptive to Kathleen Brown. Her "non-campaign" was in high gear as her supporters were only outnumbered by her ubiquitous signs touting her name. Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi and Assembly Speaker Willie Brown were also

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highly visible at the convention with signs, buttons, and supporters. However, Kathleen Brown was the obvious favorite of the delegates and more than 800 stood in line to have a picture taken with Ms. Brown.

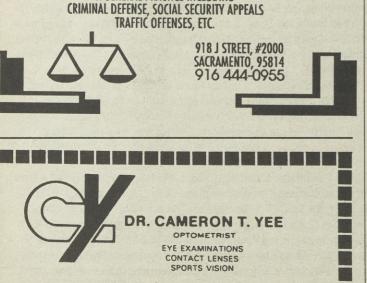
Although not the most exciting convention, it was remarkably well organized and the volunteer support was next to perfect. The body took care of the off-election year housekeeping chores in a relatively efficient manner. Many connections were instituted and networks were established.

Now the Democrats will spend time preparing for a few special elections (including the Assembly seat vacated by B.T. Collins) and then on to the big one in 1994.

Members of the gay and lesbian community, favorite target of the far-right, were encouraged by the new chair's promise to focus on the struggle to fight the reactionary-right Christians who are winning so many elections. Building on its diversity and organizational skills, the Democratic Party promises to be the party to watch.







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ichael Paul Greely of Placerville, CA passed away peacefully in the early morning of Saturday, March 27, 1993, at his adopted home-The Lone Antler Ranch - the home of his friends Paul Johnson and Kevin Wadsworth, after a seven-month hard-fought struggle with various AIDS complications.

Mike, a giant of a man who will be remembered by his many friends and "family" for his even bigger heart and generosity, was born on June 28, 1953, in Washington State. He served eight

to thank - Tony Crown of San Francisco for being at the Ranch to help care for Mike during the last two weeks; Doug Steele of San Francisco for caring for Mike at the outset of his illness; Pulquerio Silva of San Francisco for handling Mike's personal business as the executor of the estate; Pat Hasson, R.N. and Paul Gessler, MSW of Snowline Hospice of El Dorado County; Douglas Tustin, M.D. of Placerville; William R. Gaffaney, Esq. of Cameron Park; and the following individuals for their very generous help - Dick Andersom & Alex Wentzel of Laguna Beach, Warren Anderson of San Francisco, Maurice Gibson & Stanford Steveson of San Francisco, Bruce Haas & Ken Hardee of Knoxville, Mike is survived by his par-

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Mike is survived by his parents, Marveen and Paul W. Greely, his brother Edward, and two sisters, Jeanette Kunz and Laurel Jergens; all of Ephrata, WA. Mike's last month was graced by a week-long visit by Jeanette, Marveen and Paul.

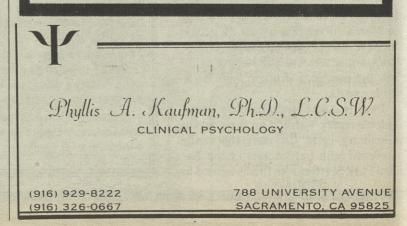
Mike's extended "family" requests that remembrances in his name be sent either to the Snowline Hospice or the El Dorado AIDS Task Force (P.O. Box 547; Placerville, CA 95667).



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## Researchers ReportHIV Active in Lymphoid Cells

by Arturo Jackson III

wo international teams of AIDS researchers reported that HIV, generally accepted by the scientific community to be the cause of AIDS, is constantly infecting healthy cells in HIV infected individuals.

The researchers reported in the March 26 issue of Nature, a British scientific journal, that while HIV is rarely detected in blood cells, huge numbers were detected, some which were actively replicating and others lying dormant, in the lymphoid cells in the human body. Lymphoid cells in the human body include the spleen, tonsils, adenoids and extensive lymph node system.

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One study was directed by Dr. Ashley Haase of the University of Minnesota in collaboration with German researchers, and other was led by Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief AIDS researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland.

The research appears to answer baffling questions surrounding the activity of HIV after the virus infects an individual. Since 1984 when HIV was discovered, researchers have been unable to explain why after an initial burst of viral activity within the first weeks of HIV infection, that they were not able to detect the virus in the blood cells of infected patients, or explain why the virus supposedly lies dormant an average of 10 to 12 years before manifesting disease symptoms. The researchers concluded

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of virus. "Our findings clearly demonstrate that a true state of microbiological latency does not exist even during the early stages of HIV disease," stated Dr. Fauci. The implications of the findings could impact early intervention theory designed to intervene with antiviral medical HIV treatment when HIV-infected individuals usually have a CD4(t-helper) cell count between 800 and 1200. "This information may prompt a rethinking of the optimal time to

dangerous reservoirs of HIV and

eventually overload the human

immune system until it is no

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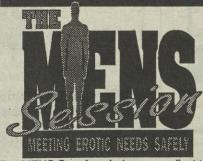
fected patients," added Fauci.

"Paradoxically, the "filter system" in the lymphoid organs, so effective at trapping pathogens and initiating an immune response, may be an important reason why HIV is so effective at destroying the immune system," stated Dr. Fauci. Large amounts of virus becomes trapped in the follicular dendritic cells (FDCs) present in the lymphoid tissues. Immune activity is concentrated in germinal centers within these tissues and effectively traps the

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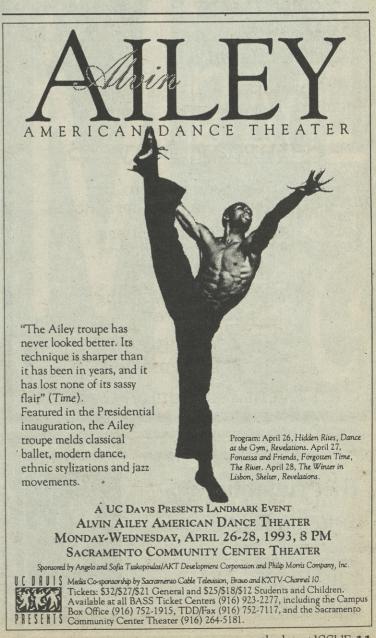
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virus which can then infect thousands of CD4 cells which congregate as part of the human immune system response to a foreign invader. "A steady stream of CD4T cells become vulnerable to HIV infection as they traffic to the lymphoid tissue in response to infections," Fauci adds.

"The study indicates a great deal more is going on earlier in HIV than we had realized and it may be beneficial for infected individuals to embark on antiviral treatment earlier," stated

Dr. Hasse. The experts warned that initiation of antiviral treatment soon after HIV infection poses problems because of toxicities and the threat of emerging viral resistant strains, side effects commonly associated with sustained use of antiviral drugs. "If I was infected with HIV, I'd be inclined to try and get into a clinical trial as soon as I found out, and definitely one exploring the use of combination therapies," advised





#### MARCH

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SW, 7-10 p.m. \* Lesbian Avengers: Out For Power-- Meet at the Dupont Circle Metro at 7 p.m., and march to the Capitol for visibility and power. \* Venus Rising: A Celebration for Women, sponsored by Party Girl Productions- Blossoms, Old Post Office Pavilion 9-2 a.m. \* The Countdown Party II, sponsored by Entre Nous, ANA Westin, off Dupont Circle, \$20, \* Gay Rites Dance, at the Washington Hilton, \$20 adv/\$30 at the door. Targeting "young urban men," the theme is "get down and grind". \* Radical Faerie Drumming & Dancing, Dupont Circle Fountain, 9:30 p.m.

\* Open Bar, 4 p.m. (for you thirsty women marchers) Spy Club, 805 15th St NW, between H & I, in the alley. \* People of Color Victory Party, Brass Rail, 476 K St., NW 5-10 p.m. \* Dance on Washington-sponsored by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR) \$30, National Building Museum, Grand Hall. Capacity 2000. 7-2 a.m. \* DIVAS: Simply Singing- an evening of entertainment featuring Thelma Houston, Brenda Russell, Mary Wilsom, Liz Torres, and MCed by Marsha Warfield. Warner Theater, 8 p.m. \$25-50. \* Mr. Back Door Pub Contest, 1106 8th St., SE \$5. 7:30 p.m. \* POWER Dance- Zei Club, 1415 Zei Alley, NW (14th & 15th St.) 9-3a.m. \$15.

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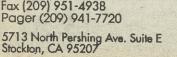


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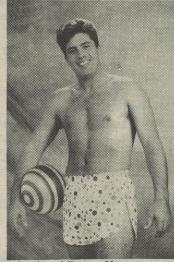
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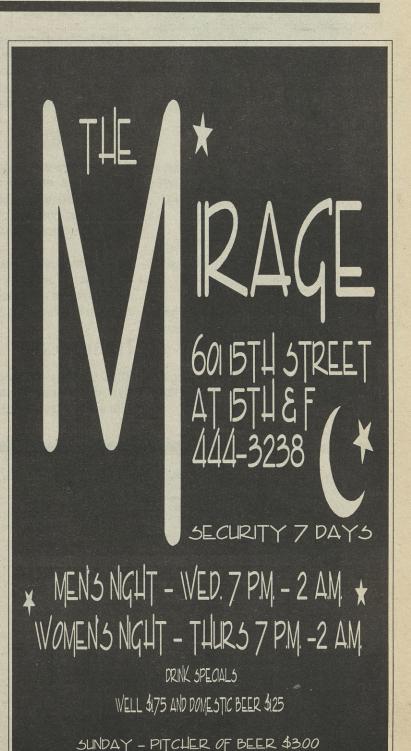
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#### 17 saturday

Gwen Avery performs at the Penthouse in the Galleria, 2901 K. Street, Sacramento at

6:30. A SACWN event for women 21 and over. Call 451-8034 for information.

#### 18 sunday

Psychic Faire with certified psychics noon to 5 p.m. at 2550 Valley Rd. Ste. #5 in Sacramento. Call 489-7503 for information.

Day of Rememberance, memorializing Jews, gays

and others who were victims of Nazi fanaticism during World War II.

#### 19 monday

RCDC Meeting with special guest Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin at the YWCA, 17th and L Streets, 6:30 p.m.

#### 20 tuesday

PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meets at 7:30 p.m. in Narthex of

St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento. Call 665-1050 for information.

Sacramento Light Opera Association presents "Evita" at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. Call 557-1999 for information. April 20 - 25

#### 21 wednesday

Cabaret plays at The Crest Theatre nightly at 7 and 9:20 p.m. Call 442-5189 for information.

April 21 - 24

#### 22 thursday

In-Town-Show at FACES, 2000 K Street, 7 p.m. with MC's Imperial Crown Prince Wil-

lie Anderson and Imperial Crown Princess Brenda.

#### 23 friday

Out-of-Town Show at the Town House, 10 p.m., \$5 cover.

24 saturday

Coronation, at Turn Verien Hall, 3249 J Street.

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Art Talk at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 tenth Street, Sacramento. Call 448-8723 for information.

#### 25 sunday



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Victory Brunch at the Bull Market Restaurant, 11 a.m. \$15.

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Women of Color Support Group, every Sunday, 7:15 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for info.

#### **MONDAYS**

Survivors of Sexual Abuse women's group from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. every other Monday, also Tuesday nights. Call 783-0579 for information.

Twin Spirits Veterans meets 3rd Monday of the month. Call 383-0940 for information.

Worried Well Support Group, for HIV negative people effected by HIV Positive loved ones. 1st and 3rd Mondays. 6:30 p.m. Call 448-2437 for details.

Domestic Violence, a drop-in support group for men and women at the Lambda Community Center 7 - 8:30 p.m. Call 442-0185 for information.

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center, 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for details.

Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 2nd Monday of each month. Call 448-0422 for info.

#### TUESDAYS

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Being Gay Today, 10 p.m. on cable 18. An hour of lesbian and gay programming.

Sacramento Leather Association, monthly meeting at the Wreck Room, 7 p.m. First Tuesday of each month. For info. call 863-3398. Wednesday

LGSA - Sacramento City College Lesbian Gay Student Alliance meets at 5:30 in Rm. B220.

#### WEDNESDAYS

FrontRunners Sacramento, a gay, lesbian, bisexual running group. All levels, all ages. Call Rich 362-0755 or James 387-8275 and leave a message and phone number. Wednesday evening runs.

#### THURSDAYS

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The latest ISSUE, out with a special early edition with coverage of the March on Washington.

Sacramento Philharmonic performs the best of the Old West in "Down on the Farm" at the Sacramento Community Center. Call 442-4135 for information.

May 7 - 8

#### Heart to Heart a Retreat sponsored by Kairos for Caregivers of Persons Affected by HIV and other illnesses. Call (415) 861-0877 for information.

#### 8 saturday

Vocalist Katherine Warner at Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 6 p.m. \$5 - \$8 sliding scale.

The Human Race is a 5K/10K run and a 5K walk/wheel held at William Land Park, Sacramento. Call Olive Jimison at 723-6291.

2nd Annual Prom with Pride sponsored by the Sacramento City College Lesbian and Gay Student Alliance in cooperation with R.C.D.C and S.L.C.C. 8 p.m. - midnight at the Sacramento City College Student Center, (3835 Freeport Blvd.) \$5. For more info

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Brest Cancer Awareness Rally at the Capitol in Sacramento from 1-3

p.m. Call 334-2273 for information.

call Kimberly 558-2227.

In the Life, the gay and lesbian variety show, will be shown on PBS channel 6 at midnight.

#### 15 saturday

Partnership Protection Document Forum at the YWCA. 17th and L Streets, 10 a.m.

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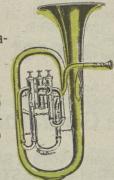
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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Johnny Depp Tackles Comedy in Benny & Joon

by Chris Narloch

The spirit of silent comedy lives on in the bitter sweet new movie "Benny & Joon," about a brother and sister whose lives are changed dramatically by a loony stranger in love with old movies. Film fans should appreciate this sweet, oldfashioned love story.

Benny and Joon are played by Adian Quinn and Mary Stuart Masterson, as siblings who have entered their own private world after the death of their parents. This codependency is furthered

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by Joon's mental illness, and their complex relationship is tested when a young man named Sam appears on the scene to teach the pair about the boundaries of love and "sanity."

Late last year, Robert Downey, Jr. gave an amazing performance as Charlie Chaplin. In "Benny & Joon" the other genius of silent comedy, Buster Keaton, gets his due, and the actor who evokes his memory is, believe it or not, Johnny Depp.

Depp is no Downey, but he has a striking presence and he plays Sam with wit and poise. Long hair and retro clothes give him a messy look that perfectly suits the character of a misfit who idolizes Buster Keaton, and who

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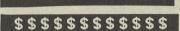
often acts nuttier than Joon.

Early Frost" (the first TV AIDS drama) gives another strong performance as a man terrified of losing his sister to Sam. And Mary Stuart Masterson has her best role since "Fried Green Tomatoes" (she played Idgie, the butch one, in that film.) Here she balances scenes of schizophrenia with moments of lucid concentration.

"Benny & Joon" is not without its contrivances, and the screenwriter blunders when he

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has our hero recreate a classic scene from Chaplin rather than Keaton. (The scene is funny anyway because Depp is surprisingly good at slapstick.) Luckily this magical movie is concerned with small miracles. And every time it threatens to break down, three gifted actors pluck real feeling right out of thin air.





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Adian Quinn, so good in "An



#### Looking Good at the Guild

orget about the overrated new theater at Arden Fair Mall - it's a glorified multiplex. The best cinema to open in Sacramento in the last five years is the Guild Theater at 35th and Broadway.

With a calendar of events ranging from Hollywood classics and off-beat double-bills to live music and foreign films, the Guild is a haven for lovers of theatrical entertainment.

The renovated venue, formerly the Oak Park Theater, was opened last year by local movie historian Matias Bombal, a previous manager of the Crest The-

I recently caught the excellent restored version of "Children of Paradise," considered the French "Gone With the Wind," at the Guild, and found the theater to be clean and very wellrun. it's less splashy than the Crest, yet more intimate, and manager Bombal takes pride in booking Sacramento premiers and titles not available on video.

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# They're Back - The Return of the Killer D's

by Bill Peterson

ver the intrepid pop journalist, I feel the need to leak some Information that has yet to surface in the mainstream press, even though the tabloids are all over it... Yes, it is the return of the killer D's!! They've finally made it back across the Atlantic after last invading our shores a few years ago.

Now, wait, before you start boarding up the windows -- these aren't giant mutated insects, just modern British pop stars - and you don't need to fret about being stung - they're pretty harm-

The first specimen, known as Depeche Mode, has returned 3 years on from their moody masterpiece, "Violator" with "Songs of Faith and Devotion."Rumored to be their "rock n roll" album, Songs..." turns out to be, in reality, quite similar to "Viola-

The songs return to typical

Mode material combining desperate dependency, religious imagery and foreboding synthesizer based arrangements. On "In Your Room," Dave Gahan sings "Your favorite slave/ I'm hanging on your words/ Living on your breath/Feeling with your skin/ Will I always be here" and on the gospel backed "Get Right with - "friends, if you've lost your way/ You will find it again some day/Come down from your pedestals/ And open your mouths

The other killer D, Duran Duran, was last heard a few years



Depeche Mode.

back, but alas, not many were still interested in the quintessential '80 s band. But, with a great single "Ordinary World" as introduction, the band aims to please the masses (again) with their new self titled album. Much of the album apes successful late 80's success formulas - Paul Simon's African influence ("Breath after Breath"), INX's lightweight swagger ("Too Much Information") and the Cure's nearly trademarked submerged bass guitar sound ("Come Undone"). Most surprising is the snarling tone of several lyrics -

"Gun in his pocket and a heart of ham/ Uncle Sam/ He's dying faster than a rabid dog/ Don't put out a hand to help him/This drowning man/Will bite it right off." But the boys are just following the pop star handbook's rule #1230 - "To gain credibility as a serious artist, assume an angry societal stance" and on "Sin of the City," Duran Duran flex that activist pose "The club had no fire exit/ The club had no door/ Only five people came out alive/ The sin is that 89 died"-heady stuff indeed! ###

Another headline story that I may have read in a tabloid is that Rosanne Cash really isn't a Country singer! Yes, it's true - even though you'll find her music filed under Country, as she shows on "The Wheel," her music is more touchy than twangy.

The last time we heard from Rosie, on 1990's "Interiors," she was dealing frankly with the breakup of her marriage to Rodney Crowell. She's still dealing-but as she opens the album, the wounds appear to be healing-" You Need Hide Nothing Now From Me/I see the essence of the man/ I stand before you as a friend/ The truth moves through us/ Even when we sleep." By the end of the album, it even sounds like she's found a new love - "And the look in your eyes/ The moment you touched me/ All down inside/ Is the fire of the newly alive."

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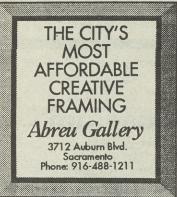
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# Life, Death . . . and Drag

by Michael Gorman

he "Crying Game" was up for best picture. Lipsynka is doing the talk show circuit, modeling in Paris and accepting Esquire's designation as one of the "women we love." Dame Edna, that proper "dame" from down under has taken American television by storm. Harvey Fierstein is negotiating with Hollywood to do a regular series. Fashion designers around the world are hiring men to model women's clothing. The 1990's may well become the Decade of the Drag Queen.

But Northern Californians need not travel to Paris or New York or Hollywood to find the roots of this campy, queer and very gay tradition. Some of the world's best known drag queens live in our own backyard.

One of the most famous and revered is San Francisco's Jose Sarria (although he prefers to be called a female impersonator, because, in addition to his other activities, he is a professional singer and entertainer). Sarria is one of the founders and the first Empress of the court system, the Sacramento branch of which is the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Em-

The latest ISSUE caught up with Jose in the persona of "the Widow Norton" at the Woodlawn Memorial Park cemetery in Colma, California just down the peninsula from San Francisco. It was February 28, and the Widow Norton was holding her annual memorial to her deceased husband, the Emperor Joshua Norton. After a continental breakfast at the entrance to the cemetery, The San Francisco Lesbian Gay Freedom Marching Band (the same one that played at President Clinton's inauguration) led a crowd of about 100 to Emperor Norton's grave site. A color guard in full leathers carried flags and the Lesbian Gay Chorus of San Francisco followed, as did the newly elected Emperor and Empress of all San Francisco.

As with so much in the world of drag, the ceremony at Woodlawn was a curious mixture of truth and fancy, seriousness and irreverent fun. Joshua Norton was actually a San Francisco businessman who lived during the 1800's. When some unknown cause left him a few cards short of a full deck in the years following the gold rush, Norton marched into a local newspaper office and loudly declared himself the "Emperor of all North America and Protector of Mexico." Never let it be said that San Francisco has ever rejected its odd characters; for the remainder of his life, the citizens of the city by the bay treated



Empress I, Jose (left) marches up a hill on her way to "mourn" the first Emperor of San Francisco.

Norton with all of the respect and deference due an emperor. The city even appropriated an annual stipend for Norton's uniform, its being unwilling to have its emperor seen in shabby

Sixteen years ago, to the delight of San Franciscans and the management of Woodlawn, Jose Sarria, dressed in a turn of the century black dress and veiled hat, declared himself the widow of Emperor Norton and began the annual trek to the emperor's

The ceremony at Norton's grave freely mixed campy entertainment with the seriousness of civil rights and untimely death. In his invocation, Reverend Charles Lewis spoke of the need to remind ourselves of the "power of life while surrounded and sometimes obsessed with the power of death." He praised the gay community's "ribald sense of freedom, our zest for life, our finer selves." The songs and speeches that followed were peppered with references, mostly humorous, to our struggle for freedom, equality and a cure for the plague. A representative of the court read a proclamation from the mayor of San Francisco declaring "Emperor Norton Day," and the Widow Norton, dowager Empress, read a letter of acknowledgment from Senator Milton Marks.

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The most outrageous and campy event of the ceremony was also its most serious moment. It illustrated the courage and humor and power with which the gay and lesbian community has faced crisis after crisis. It said that even death cannot rob us of our unique and gay spin on living, of our sense of humor, of our joy. The newly elected Empress of San Francisco brought to Norton's gravesite the ashes of a past empress who wished her remains scattered at the grave. She (he) had died of AIDS The mood of the crowd turne sober for a moment until the empress began blithely circling the headstone in heels and scat tering the ashes. They had been mixed with glitter and sparkled in the sun. The keyboardist ac companied her with a soft bu lively rendition of "The Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy."

It was difficult to tell if the tears here and there in the crow were tears of sorrow or tears laughter. But in the world drag, that is as it should be.

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by D. Oldham

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"The Family 1976" is a collection of black and white photographs done by Avadon for Rolling Stone magazine in 1976 and will be on view at the National Portrait Gallery during April and May 1993.

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The flat background and abundance of light hides no flaws; each sitter is presented in the stark reality which has become an Avadon signature.

Setting aside any pretense of glamour, the artist has stripped the subject to a bare minimum, revealing every detail in each personality.

Rose Kennedy, draped in pearls and wearing a flowing dress, transforms from the grand matriarch of America's favorite political family to an uncomfortable, unattractive reminder of the ravages of aging.

Barbara Jordon stares hard at the camera, confronting the viewer with angry pride, an androgenous face of determination. Each of these photographs hold tension, pushing at the harsh reality of public life.

Avadon and his crew spent six months on this project with the culmination taking place in the October 1976 issue of Rolling Stone's "Who's Who in America." He has photographed for many magazines and is currently the first staff photographer for The New Yorker. His photos are included in important art collections world-wide.

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery is located at Eighth and F Streets (take Metrorail to Gallery Place) and is open every day from 10:00 to 5:30. Admission is free and more information is available by call-



Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. ing (202) 357-2700.

#### **Back to Sacramento**

Spring exhibitions offer a look at a growing art community...

There has been a recent resurgence in the Sacramento visual arts community, "Second Saturday" openings have been deemed

a success and galleries are responding by putting up some of the strongest exhibitions this year.

Downtown galleries are combing efforts by holding receptions on a single evening (the "Second Saturday" of each month) and are reaching out to the public with art education events.

Many galleries are also handing out maps of the downtown area galleries as well as announcements for exhibits at alternative viewing spaces.

In celebration of the renewed interest in the arts scene this column will now feature a gallery listing each month. This listing will include reception dates and times as well as special art events in an attempt to provide a complete visual arts guide.

Part of Sacramento's new growth is the addition of another gallery downtown, the J. Maddox Parker Gallery on 22nd Street. This new space is owned and staffed by three energetic art collectors whose taste and enthusiasm should make this viewing space one of Sacramento's premier galleries. The gallery is still scheduling exhibitions, including some nationally known artists, so check

the gallery listing and call for dates and times.

The Michael Himovitz Gallery takes a step in a new direction with a series of educational "Artalks" held in conjunction with gallery exhibits. This month don't miss the "Mr. and Mrs." exhibition featuring Suzanne Adan and Michael Stevens. These two nationally known artists offer their home town a look at the new direction they are both taking. Adan's "Kloun" took two years to complete and features the artist's trademark symbolism combined with a larger for-

mat and a delicate sense of balance. Both artists will discuss their work in April's "Artalk," see listing for more information.

This month take some time with the new gallery listing and become part of the resurgence in the Sacramento visual arts community.



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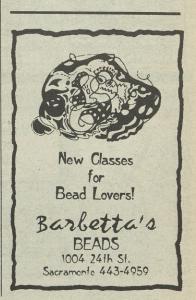
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The Center For Contemporary Art, 116 15th Street, (916) 448-6269. April 25 through June 6: Sculpture by Baochi Zahng and Jack Nielsen Reception: Sunday April 25, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

\*Lite Rail Gallery, 912 12th Street, (916) 441-1013. May 8 through June 11: Work by local artists Tahlia Vincent-Denny and Larry Killen. Reception: Saturday May 8, 6-9p.m.

\*The Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th Street, (916) 448-8723. April 7 through May 1: "Mr. and Mrs." Work by Suzanne Adan and Michael Stevens. Special "Artalk" Saturday April 24, 9:30 a.m. \$20.00

\*J. Maddox Parker Gallery, 1107 22nd Street, (916) 448-6616. Call the gallery for exhibition schedule

\*The Judith Weintraub Gallery, 1723 J Street, (916) 442-3360. Through May 1: "A Decade" Work by Susan Wexler.

\*The Dean Moniz Gallery, 1825 Q Street, (916) 448-4039. Through April: Work by Gary Dinnen and Jack Ogden.

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\*Indicates Galleries which are participating in "Second Saturday" receptions.



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# Conference Covers Lesbian/Gay Aging

ay and lesbian aging took on new prominence at the recent American Society on Aging (ASA) Annual Conference in Chicago.

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is a membership organization of over 8,500 professionals in the field of aging, and this year's annual conference drew 3,500 attendees from around the country.

While ASA has been a pioneer in the area of lesbian and gay aging issues since 1974, this year's conference represented a series of "firsts" for the Gay and Lesbian Aging program track. The track was expanded to a full nine sessions and thirty three presenters, with topics spanning a range of issues that concern older gays and lesbians.

Workshops and symposiums spoke to: the challenges researchers face in locating older gays and lesbians, who are frequently reluctant research participants; the grassroots organizing of older gays and lesbians throughout the country against homophobiain aging services and against ageism in the gay and lesbian community; AIDS and the elderly; and the unique legal situations of older gays and lesbians.

Presenting on the legal issues facing older gays and lesbians was Sacramento's own, Nan Goodart. Goodart focused on the use of living trusts to guarantee rights and privacy.

Another "first" at this year's annual meeting were the number of sessions that included not only gay and lesbian presenters, but straight professionals in the field as well.

Panelists in one session included residential and nursing home administrators from Catholic, Baptist, and Presbyterian facilities. A housing pro-

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gram director who attended the session on "Gay and Lesbian Aging Issues for Non-Gay Providers" noted that "the truth is that most older gays and lesbians around the country won't be able to go to a gay and lesbian service agency. These types of sessions really help providers become sensitive to the fact that not all of their clients are straight. They give us (providers) some tools for dealing with our homophobia, and for identifying the sometimes big and sometimes little clues we put out that make older gays and lesbians feel either safe and welcomed or very uncomfortable."

Throughout the well-attended nine sessions, the invisibility of older gays and lesbians was a reoccurring theme.

The decades of danger and repression many of today's older gays and lesbians experienced during the '50s and '60s have made them extremely reticent to use social services, and in some

Many older gays are so closeted that they would never venture into a lesbian/gay identified agency.

cases, health services. But when providers asked if older gays and lesbians really wanted segregated (gay and lesbian only) services, the responses were mixed. Many older gays and lesbians who are in their '70s and '80s are so closeted that they would never

venture into a gay/lesbian-identified agency.

The proponents of segregated housing and care tend to be older lesbians in their '60s and '70s, the cohort that began the fight for gay rights. "What gay and lesbian boomers who are not in the closet, are likely to want is integration and acceptance, and we'll demand it," commented Marsha Freedman, a presenter in the session on "Access Along the Continuum of Care for Older Gays and Lesbians."

ASA will facilitate a similar session on "Access to Long-Term Care for Aging Gays and Lesbians" at the May annual meeting of the California Association of Homes for the Aged (CAHA), the group representing the not-for-profit residential and nursing home industry in the state.

The final "first" at this conference was establishing an ASA Taskforce on Gay and Lesbian Aging Issues. "ASA has been the one mainstream aging organization that has really supported gay and lesbian aging issues, " noted Professor Doug Kimmel, a New York researcher and noted author of many studies on gay men, and a co-chair of the newly formed Taskforce. "ASA's membership of over 8,500 professionals in the field of aging provides us with an excellent opportunity to create both visibility and legitimacy for gay and lesbian aging issues." This visibility will be gained through ASA's annual and regional conferences, it's bimonthly newspaper, "Aging Today," and its quarterly journal, "Generations."

The Taskforce welcomes both heterosexual and lesbian and gay

members interested in challenging homophobia in aging services and ageism in the gay and lesbian community. Over the next twelve months, the Taskforce steering committee will develop a strategic plan to present to ASA's Board, and will explore sponsoring regional forums on Gay and Lesbian aging issues. They are already looking toward ASA's 1994 annual conference in San Francisco, where they hope to hold a one day preconference session on Gay and Lesbian Aging Issues as well as the regular conference sessions.

For more information on ASA's Taskforce on Gay and Lesbian Aging, contact Marsha Freedman at ASA (415) 882-2910 or Lora Connolly, Co-Chair of the ASA Taskforce on Lesbian and Gay Aging Issues (916) 362-4133.



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# New Yorker Heads for West Coast and Big Screen

by Steve Warren

Very telephone conversation with David Drake could easily have turned into a hot sex thing. But we're both professionals, he an actorplaywright and me a journalist, so we confined our conversation to Drake's west coast tour in his off-Broadway hit The Night Larry Krammer Kissed Me.

(Well, I did find out he's single.) He's playing through May 9 at San Francisco's Life on the Water Theater, and opening May 13 for eight weeks at the Tiffany Theater in Hollywood.

The play's success has jumpstarted the Maryland native's movie career. He's recently filmed roles in Jonathan Demme's Philadelphia, playing a friend to lovers Tom Hanks and Antonio Banderas; and Dan Algrant's Naked in New York, executive produced by Martin Scorcese, as a "cater waiter" whose aggressive flirting at a party leads Ralph Macchio to come out. He doesn't play the title role in the latter film, Drake says, but he's skimpily clad in a costume party scene in Philadelphia.

Aware that the fate of future films about AIDS rides on the success of Philadelphia, Drake reports, "I think it will be a big hit. ... The script is really good. It's well thought out for our purposes, addressing how AIDS and homophobia are connected....All the right pieces are there." He's full of praise for director Demme and the cast, including Denzel Washington. But the first cut was three hours long and a two-hour film has been promised. Drake's hoping there won't be too much of him on the cutting room floor.

Connections are a major concern of Drake's, and he's pleased when his work brings different types together. Visiting Californians saw Larry Kramer in New York and urged him to bring it West, he says, among them "a middle-aged (male) couple and a young ACT-UP type."

The first of the show's seven vignettes is about what happened on certain of Drake's birthdays. It's fairly close to the real story," he says, including the literal kiss he received from Kramer at the 1990 lesbian/gay pride celebration in New York.

But it was the metaphorical kiss he received that came from seeing The Normal Heart that set Drake on the road to political activism. "It led me through all the feelings," he says," and the final feeling was action... There are a variety of levels of service, and I don't disregard any of them. Five or six years ago I did the AIDS Walk and wrote my checks

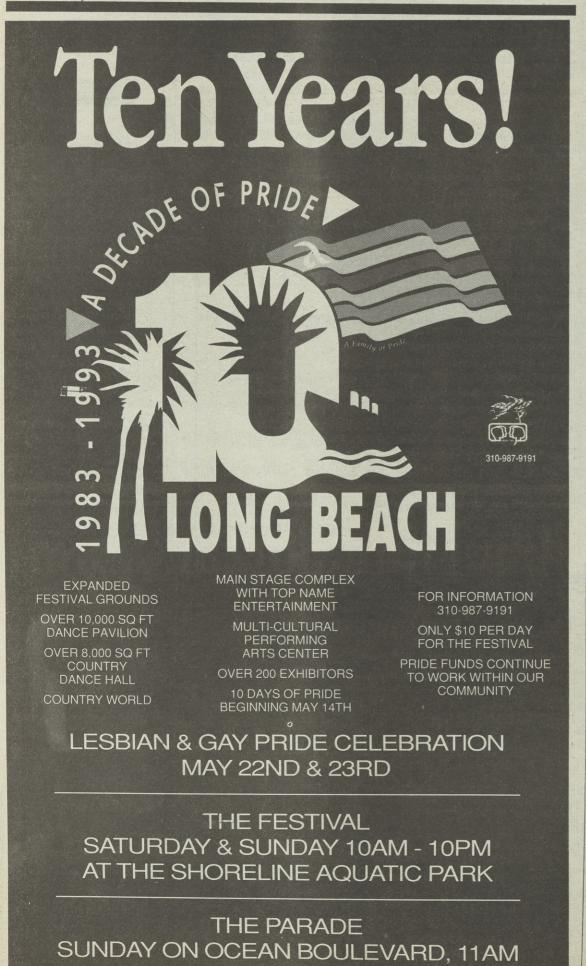
to Gay Men's Health Crisis...but there's always more you can do...I set out to resolve those feelings. That's how this show came about."

Drake also credits his father, a writer of short fiction and outdoor sportswriter for the *Pitts-burghPost Gazette*. "He encouraged me to write for my medium, the theater. I was afraid to. I think when my father suggested it, that gave me permission. I had written some poetry and taken a course at NYU in fiction writing. I wrote a few stories but only one was published—and my father published that."

A stage actor from the age of ten, Drake originated the role of Miss Deep South in the off-Broadway hit Pageant and logged over 850 performances in the lead of Charles Busch's Vampire Lesbians of Sodom.

He started writing the pieces for his own show two years ago, each to examine "a single aspect of gay life and how AIDS has affected it." They didn't all flow at the same speed. The prophetic closing segment, set on the eve of the millennium, was written during a single train ride, while "A Thousand Points of Light," a tribute to friends, neighbors and other gay saints lost to AIDS, took a year to complete

The finale posits a world where our rights have been won, our enemies are dead or in jail, and violent action has secured the release of the AIDS cure. Drake wrote it after seeing Eyes on the Prize, which opened his eyes to the scope of the African-American civil rights movement. "This was the time of the birth of Queer Nation in New York," and the militancy in the air led him to speculate, "What would happen if we took over?... I don't think we really are a violent people. That's why we have so much trouble with anger. Larry Kramer isn't angry. He's telling the truth and the truth is making him angry."







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# OFF THE EDGE Debutante Rules Takes it On the Road

by Stacy Selmants

or those of you going to the March on Washington, we need to now share obscure travel tips and etiquette advice, so no Marchbound Sacramentans will be accused by DC queers of being (gasp!), Raised by Wolves. Yes, dear readers, it's time for Debutante Rules on the Road.

Months ago, we had a frenzied argument at our home while dressing for a lesbian wedding, when I FIRMLY INSISTED (in a loud voice) that white dress shoes are just never worn before Easter, nor after Labor Day, no matter how tropical the temperatures. This white shoe controversy is a classic example of

savages, wearing white shoes.

Some of you may believe that since you're out of town, it's acceptable to behave like lowlife trailer trash, ("Yep, my mama married her cousin!") because no one is watching. This is simply not true. For instance, there apparently will be ATLEAST 6,409 latest ISSUE staff members

Do play safely, and tell everyone your name is ...oh, Buffy St. Marie.

Debutante Rules.

These seemingly silly guidelines have been handed down for generations (along with the upwardly mobile mantra:"Please, we want you to Marry Well, Marry Well, Marry Well. We need some new cows.") These rules help us to know exactly what to do at awkward social gatherings (like your straight sister's wedding). They also prevent truly uncouth people from grabbing the last beer at a party, before the guy on a beer run returns. Otherwise, would all just be there, all armed with press passes, recording your every move for our gossip column. So, sure go a little wild, raise a little heck, but be civil enough to at least thank your oh-so-studly horizontal dance partner for leading.

#### **Debutante Rules** of the Road

Bring Bail Money. Especially since many of the 3,000,978 events that are scheduled that march week involve various types

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of civil disobedience (mayhem is optional) it is imperative that you plan ahead in case you get thrown in the slammer. Oh, sure, you SAY you aren't into political uprisings, but we know how that peer-pressure can work in a crowd

Your hormones are all a-twitter, and you envision a group grope in a holding tank with dozens of men with pierced nipples. In a spirit of togetherness, and horny protest, you go limp. But you're short on cash, and the jailers don't TAKE American Express, so you end up calling an ex-lover to beg and whimper to get out jail for being an ACT-UP wanna be. Be smart. Take travellers checks.

\*Be Courteous. With the exception of a few bars like the Back Door Pub and the DC Eagle, where courtesy is NOT a prized attribute ("Where would you LIKE it, baby? Huh?") most of the tourists and the locals will appreciate courteous behavior. This does NOT mean you have to be a nun (though Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence drag and moustaches will certainly attract attention) but just remember the ugly realities of crowd dynamics. If you act unruly and boorish in a large crowd, (and the week will be one LONG crowd scene) people will respond accordingly. So, be nice, be friendly, and don't cut in line for the bathrooms! (Speaking of bathrooms, guys remember, if you use the women's



Hell hath no fury like a soggy lesbian who's fallen in.)

\*Be Flexible. (No this rule does not refer to coital positions.) Despite the trillions of choices of events, there will be occasions when you will not gain admittance to your expected event or party. Go with the flow, and adapt. Things really haven't changed since you were six. No one likes a whiner.

\*Pace Yourself. This rule refers to a number of things: assorted fermented grain and fruit beverages, party attendance, political upheaval, and sex partners. Know your limits, and remember the cardinal "Just Say Maybe" Club motto: No Felo-

\*Use an Alias. For those of you who will INSIST upon disregarding all of our tasteful advice, protect yourself. Do play safely, and tell everyone your name is ...oh, Buffy St. Marie. That way, if hundreds of Sacramentans do happen to run amok, it will all be traced back to a new mysterious cult of people pretending to be a Native American folk singer from the 60s, and our community's reputation will remain untarnished.

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o, did you hear that k.d. and Martina are anitem? Well it's not true. New York gossip columnist Liz Smith was compelled to run a retraction after learning that the two famous dykes were just friends hanging out at the Grammy Awards together, and not "something more" as she had suggested in an earlier column. Really, Liz! Can't you tell a butch

from a femme?

While we're on the subject of roles, here's a doozy for you. Empress Stacey, just finishing up her second reign, will be running again for a position in the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire...this time as Emperor Steve. Steve and Yvette, who is campaigning for Empress, are the only couple running this year. So on election day,

April 17, you can cast a yes or no ballot, rather than picking your favorite candidates. Will Steve and Yvette win or will the court be required to appoint new monarchs? Attend coronation at Turn Verein on April 24 to learn the outcome.

The Sacramento Bee has been a gayer paper the last week or so, with the addition of a gay character to the comic page's

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Mark you calendars for May 23, to help the latest ISSUE celebrate the beginning of our fifth year of publication. The party, a good old summer barbecue and tea dance, is at Faces from 1:00 until 5:00. Everybody's welcome, so plan to come and join the fun!

In music news, Cris Williamson and Tret Fure are working together on a new album which features June and Jean Millington on some of the tracks. Sounds like classic women's weekend music to me.

While Faces bartender Shannon has officially left his job to relocate to Souther California, local rumor is that he may not even get out of town. Seems he can't bring himself to actually leave after all. Oh well, it is a queen's prerogative to change his mind!

Every year the San Francisco gay parade, in conjunction with other large gay celebrations, adopts a theme that is used in literature and on tee shirts. For the first time in recent memory the annual theme, Year of the Queer, has created some controversy. The Los Angeles gay pride festival has opted not to use it, choosing instead the national theme, A Family of Pride. For our Lambda Freedom Fair on June 19 we are using both the S.F. theme and our own, Free in '93. So how do you feel about

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From the recent manhandler party comes the juicy tidbit that two gentlemen, both named Chris, blatantly threw themselves at the entertainment of the evening, The Hollywood Boys. Chris W. was last seen being carried onto the stage screaming for more...

Former Empress Vannah's fundraiser, La Cage Awful was a big hit! The best of the worst

Walters managed to bring out the best of both Garth Brooks and Sharon Stone. After an endless discussion of his infidelity (yawn), Barbara finally managed to change the subject by asking Garth about his recent hit "We Shall Be Free." She asked whether the song, about people's right to love whomever they choose, was correctly interpreted as applying to gay people too. Garth said, "Yup," and went on to explain that his sister

think she was bisexual. Sharon's reply, "Oh, I hope so!" All in all, not a bad night for TV.

The annual Lambda Letters fundraising auction is being held May 16 at the Town House. Boyce Hinman has worked tirelessly on the project for years and really could use your support. For those of you unfamiliar with the project, Lambda Letters sends a monthly packet of form letters about issues of concern to the gay community to those on its mailing list. The letters are signed and returned to Lambda Letters for delivery to the appropriate legislators,

all at no cost to the subscribers. This is a terrific (yet painless) way to be involved in the political process. Support Lambda Letters and help make a difference! Celebrating April birthdays are Stacy Selmants of "Off the Edge" fame, pool pro Suzie Jones, and soldier girl Dawn. Also celebrating in April are Brian Ashby and Steven Mills who mark their seventh anniversary this month. Congratulations to the latest ISSUE's Arturo Jackson for his nomination for a San Francisco Cable Car Award last month.

Last, but definitely not least,

did you hear that Clifton Owens and Jeffrey, his lover of 10 years have broken up? Seems Jeff signed up for a yoga class last month and learned a bunch of new moves (if you know what I mean) from his instructor. The fate of Clifton and Jeff's new house and old dog have not vet been settled.

Well, until next month, keep on gossiping. And, hey! Please tell our advertisers you saw their ad in the latest ISSUE. It's ads that keep us running you know. And really, where else could you find gossip like this?



Vannah with K.C.

of the show's drag spoofs were Tom Lane and Jerry Barnes who tied for first place. The money raised at the event will be split between Hope House and the Fairy Godfather's Fund. On her latest special, Barbara

is a lesbian (well, he actually said homosexual) and any kind of love is okay by him.

While interviewing Sharon Stone, Barbara asked her whether she thought her role in "Basic Instinct" made people



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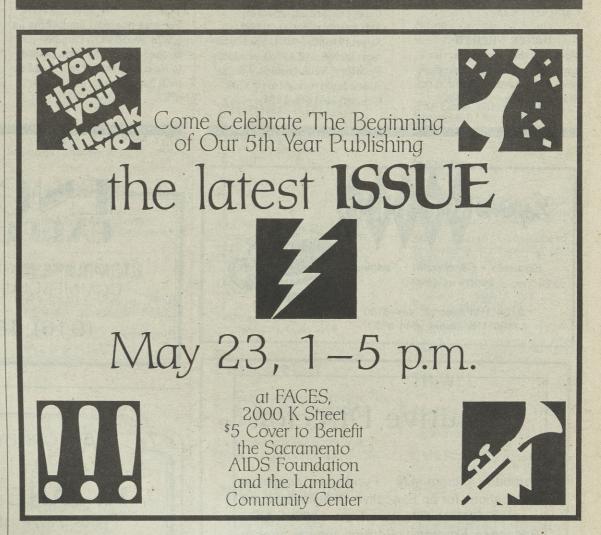
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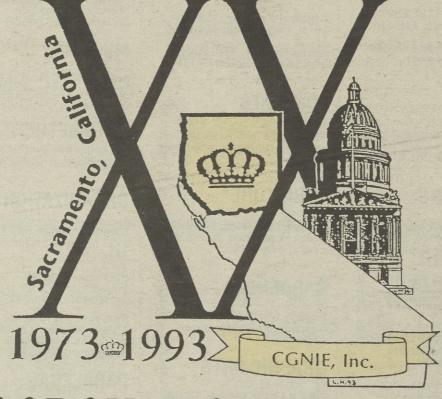
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